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**James Ware**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Cal Lutheran 1969 BA;  
Stanford 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Visiting Professor, California Lutheran University (1980)

**Judicial:** Judge, California Superior Court, Santa Clara County (1988-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1972-1977);  
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**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1972-1987)

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**Sandra Brown Armstrong**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Cal State (Fresno) 1969 BA; U San Francisco 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 21, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Conductor, Judicial Training Workshops, New Independent  
States of the Former Soviet Union (1997)

**Government:** Police Officer, Police Department, City of Oakland,  
California (1970-1977); Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District  
Attorney, County of Alameda, California (1977-1979); Senior Consultant,  
Criminal Justice, California State Assembly (1979-1980); Deputy District  
Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Alameda, California  
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Department of Justice (1982-1983); Member, United States Consumer  
Product Safety Commission (1983-1986); Member, United States Parole  
Commission, United States Department of Justice (1986-1989)

**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Court of California (1989-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Insurance Claim Representative, Liberty Mutual Insurance  
Co. (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Alameda County Bar Association; American  
Bar Association; California Judges Association; Charles Houston Bar  
Association; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Women  
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**Ronald M. Whyte**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Wesleyan U 1964 AB; USC 1967 JD  
Began Service: 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, California Superior County, Santa Clara County  
(1989-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Nichols, Stead, Boileau & Lamb (1967-1968); Attorney,  
Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Inc. (1971-1989)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1968-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Inns of  
Court; Northern California Chapter, Association of Business Trial Lawyers;  
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**Claudia A. Wilken**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Stanford 1971 BA;  
Boalt Hall 1975 JD  
Began Service: December 1993  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Boalt Hall (1978-1984); Professor, New  
College School of Law (1980-1985)

**Government:** Welfare Eligibility Worker, State of California (1971-1972);  
Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of California (1975-1978)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern  
District of California (1983-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wilken & Leverett (1978-1984)

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**Maxine M. Chesney**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: UC Berkeley 1964 BA; Boalt Hall 1967 JD  
Began Service: May 24, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Assistant Chief Deputy, Office of the District Attorney, State  
of California (1976-1979)

**Judicial:** Judge, San Francisco County Municipal Court (1979-1983);  
Judge, California Superior Court (1983-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Federal Circuit Bar  
Association; Federal Judges Association; Queens Bench Bar Association;  
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**Susan Illston**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Duke 1970 BA; Stanford 1973 JD  
Began Service: June 2, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Cotchett, Illston & Pitre (1973-1976); Partner,  
Cotchett, Illston & Pitre (1977-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Association of Justice; American Bar  
Foundation, American Bar Association; Litigation Section, American Bar  
Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial  
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**Charles R. Breyer**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Harvard 1963 AB; Boalt Hall 1966 LLB  
Began Service: January 1, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Affiliation:** Member, Chambers of Member Charles R. Breyer, Judicial  
Conference of the United States

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Oliver J. Carter, United States  
District Court for the Northern District of California (1966-1967)

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco District Attorney's  
Office, State of California (1967-1973); Assistant Special Prosecutor,  
Watergate Special Prosecution Force, United States Department of Justice,  
Richard M. Nixon Administration (1973-1974); Chief Assistant District  
Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, City and County of San  
Francisco (1979-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Juvenile Hall Project, Legal Aid Society of San  
Francisco (1967); Jacobs, Sills & Coblenz (now Coblenz, Patch, Duffy &  
Bass) (1974-1975); Partner, Jacobs, Sills & Coblenz (now Coblenz,  
Patch, Duffy & Bass) (1975-1979); Coblenz, Cahen, McCabe & Breyer  
(now Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass) (1980-1997)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1966-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; San Francisco Bar  
Association